



# Mill Flat Wildfire

Dixie National Forest  
Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands  
News Update  
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For further information visit: <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov> or <http://www.inciweb.org>  
Info Center # 877-448-0303; 877-451-8917: - Hours of Operation: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Critical fire information may be heard on 1530 AM radio.

## **\*\*MILL FLAT FIRE AND SPECIAL NEWS REPORT FOR POTENTIAL FLASH FLOOD\*\***

### **By the Numbers**

~12,607-Estimated acreage;  
62% -Contained;  
~688-Personnel:  
6 -Interagency  
8- Hotshot Crews  
7 -Type 2 Crews  
10 -Helicopters;  
13 -Engines;  
1 -Dozer;  
9 -Water tenders  
\$4M -Estimated Cost

**New Harmony, Utah** – Meteorologists have predicted the potential for flash floods in the area. Residents should be advised that The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Burnt Area Emergency Response Team (BAER), have made assessments and set priorities in order to minimize risk to problem areas and structures. This includes natural areas and infrastructures. Mitigation measures will include water diversion by building sand bag barriers around affected areas. These areas are in the Dam, Comanche, Strait and Main Canyon drainages.

Residents of the Ash Creek drainage including the area around New Harmony may pick up sand bags at the triangle south of the cemetery in New Harmony. Crews will fill and stock-pile sand bags until midnight today and may continue later if the situation requires.

Julie Woods with New Harmony Valley Fire District will be the Incident Commander in these flood preparation work efforts.

Emergency notification of residents will be through reverse 911. Residents may report any personal emergencies to 911 as well.

Individuals are reminded not to enter or attempt to cross areas that are flooding. Fast moving water is dangerous and even vehicles should not be used in crossing. Stay on high ground until the flooding abates.

There was little fire activity on the Mill Flat Fire. A few interior smokes were visible, but for the most part crews worked aggressively to secure the line around the perimeter and continued mopping up as well as placing water bars to mitigate any flood activity. The Burnt Area Emergency Response Team (BAER), continues to assess the fire area for fire damage rehabilitation.

A road closure is in effect for the Page Ranch Road (FS029) from New Harmony to Page Ranch. An area closure is in effect for those lands south of FS009, East of FS011 to the Mill Canyon Road (FS255), and to the West of Page Ranch Road (FS029). Fire crews will be actively working in these areas. Closures will remain in effect until further notice. Maps showing area closures are available at [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

Local fire and flood information will be broadcast on AM1530, the wildfire information station, operated by the State of Utah, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. The fire community expresses appreciation to the local residents for their patience and assistance while suppressing the Mill Flat Fire.

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